

Immunizations for Flood Victims and Workers

Outbreaks of communicable diseases after floods are unusual in Montana, but diseases may increase because of contaminated water, food spoilage, mosquito control, or crowded living conditions.

Flood workers and victims may be exposed to tetanus bacteria if wounds become contaminated from floodwaters or other materials. If you receive a puncture wound, laceration, or abrasion, see your health care provider or check with your local health department about special health needs.

Do I need any special immunizations?

- Td is recommended for all adolescents and adults every 10 years. A tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) booster should replace one regular Td dose to provide pertussis protection.
- Any adult or adolescent who has not completed the primary series of 3 doses of Td should complete the series with one dose being Tdap.
- Children should have completed their recommended immunization doses.
- Vaccinations for conditions such as hepatitis A or B, cholera, malaria, or typhoid fever **are not** recommended.

If you or a member of your family needs immunizations, call your health care provider or call your local health department for assistance. You may also call the State Immunization Program at 406-444-5850 for further guidance.

